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Mr. Chapman letters to
Mr. Estlin

Boston Feb 2dth 1846

I. B. Estlin Esq.

Dear Sir.

I enclose to you address a package of the National Anti-Slavery Standard — the organ of the American Anti Slavery Society, agreeably to your suggestion, however prepared as complete an acknowledgement as the great pressure of duties which might each singly be called upon impat. would permit. It will necessarily prove inadequate to express our sense of help & comfort in the aid we have received from Bristol. Will you, dear Sir, with your daughter, be so good as to supply our deficiency?

You enquire what more can be

done in England to aid our cause,
besides helping you annual Bazaar.
My heart is greatly agitated by the
question. If a general convocation
of abolitionists were held in London
in the Spring, I am sure that
from their deliberations & subsequent
action growing out of them, a great
impulse might be given to the cause
on this side the water. I have
had frequent conversations with our
valued friend & co-worker in the cause
Samuel May of Leicester, & from his
Statement of the feelings of many English
Abolitionists whom he saw in Bristol
I have been induced to send you copies
of the Standard, instead of copies of the
Liberator for distribution, though to me the
Liberator is the most interesting, from
the variety of topics as well as from
the depth & originality of Mr Garrison's

mind. Our sense of the importance of a paper which shall not be hampered by any supervision, but which shall have ~~freedom~~ freedom to comprehend the whole cause by taking cognizance of all its boundaries; by going down deep to what is fundamental in moral principle, & wide, to what is universal, causes us to support the Liberator as the individual & uncontested pioneer of our Movement. Our feeling of responsibility to those minds, which, while ~~they~~ are truly deserving to serve the cause, & to cooperate & contribute so to do, are yet opposed to the consideration of Radical reforms or the application of the same principles in other directions, have bound us to sustain the Standard, which is supported from the common treasury, as the organ of the Society - under strict supervision of

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Society, who feel conscientiously bound
to confine it to Anti Slavery exclusively
I have my own religious opinions
& they are probably not less dear to me
than ^{are those of} others to them. But I would
prefer (so I now think) to die rather
than violate the first impulse in
me by the expenditure of the common
Anti-Slavery fund in printing a
paragraph ~~which~~ ^{among} ~~in~~ ^{which} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~inten~~
tion of promoting them. It is
not that I value the Liberator less than
I have ~~but~~ the Standard, but simply
because I thought it might more nearly
meet the state of mind of many of the
Bristol contributors. The practical difficulties attend-
ing a work of reform like this of Anti Slavery
after the end it opposes has become part &
parcel of the Nation, are necessarily great.
But where would ~~upon~~ ^{begin} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~reformers~~ ^{their} ~~friends~~ ^{friends}?

their position being necessarily a marked
one, the faults they may have are made
conspicuous by it; & men who might have
hired & paid with credit had they been re-
garded of the cry of humanity, are laden
with ignorance merely from the circum-
stance that they were a little better than
the generality of their neighbors. I could
wish that some especial thanks were
conveyed to Mrs. Mitchell for her beautiful
& attractive contribution of worked flowers.
It would have been done in the pa-
per but for a dread lest it might be
deemed ridiculous by other contributors.
The Speculations of the accounts of the
Fair may many of them leave un-
accountable to the English funds. Most
of them however, actually met objections
or contradicted calumnies without formally
doing so. When the ^{Mr. Slavery} Democracy of a
Country makes it an objection to us, that

we have the doings of Jackpots,
& the physiognomy of the same stamp
that we receive the sympathies of dr-
bants; — when Impunity scoffs at us re-
ligious, & religious stigmaise us as
hypocrites; — when quietism rebukes
us as quarrelsome and political partism-
ship casts its stone at us as it passes
because we are too quiet; — when we
suffer at the same time under the
contradictory accusations of a nation
seeking ~~to find~~ an occasion against us
without betraying the fact that the
chief occasion it can find is that we
are opposed to its darling & cherisher
Sis.; — under such circumstances we
show as little antagonism about inci-
dents as we can; & tread down as many
indecisions as we may without altering
one natural pace or stepping out of our
ordinary path. Will you pardon so hasty a

letter in consideration of the many
duties that fall on few to fulfil. Had I time
however to write to each of the Boston friends
severally, I could not expect to my own satis-
faction the fulness of grateful & motion which
those feel who find a much misappre-
hension from their own countenance a
want of sympathy in another land strong
enough to submerge considerations which
opposition & hostility delight to magnify to a
mountain-size.

With sincere & grateful
regard to Mrs. Weston,

James

Dear Sir

Yours with high respect

J. W. Chapman

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Maria Weston Chapman

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Left Hill's down in the tall dense
timber with a thick growth of viney
ferns and a deep bed of moss
about a yard high just off the
middle of the trail. This is where the
leaves are composed of small rounded
leaflets and the whole plant is
fully 10 feet high. The
whole circumference of the forest
is a perfect & high closed canopy of

large trees. The
leaves are
mostly
green & bright
with lots of bright

yellow & orange

leaves
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